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William H. Haile

In Memoriam

William Henry Haile

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Preface

To his contemporaries, the passing of William Henry Haile from the sphere of his genial and helpful activities in the world's life of his generation seemed an untimely cutting off of ripened manhood, an inscrutable frustration of high endeavor for noble usefulness, and a visible lessening of active and obedient forces that make for righteousness in that best sense of willing, modest, and unswerving service of God and man.

The outspoken recognition of private and public loss, the sincere expressions of mourning, and the loyal attestations to the endearing personal qualities of the man included all ranks and conditions of his fellow-men, wherever in the wide range of his opportunities the kindly personality of William H. Haile had touched the religious, social, political, and business en-

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vironments of his life for more than three-score years.

In the spiritual economy of the universe,

“Above the smoke and stir of this dim spot
Which men call Earth,”

the impulse and inspiration of such a life remain to bless; something is left behind that lives on in the grateful memories of all who knew and loved the man, immortal in its silent influence on the hearts and lives of other men,—how potent and far reaching, who can tell?

The open record of his life is its own sufficient memorial, and the purpose of this brief chronicle is simply to preserve, in more permanent form, the published tributes and appreciations which followed the announcement of the death of William Henry Haile at his residence in Springfield, Mass., on the thirteenth of February, 1901.

EDITOR.

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WILLIAM HENRY HAILE was born in Chesterfield, N.H., September 23, 1833, the son of William and Sabrina Walker Haile.

His father, the first Republican governor of New Hampshire, was a merchant and manufacturer, and from him the son inherited his interest in the woolen manufacturing company at Hinsdale, N.H., where he was associated with the late Rufus S. Frost of Chelsea.

The Hinsdale establishment is nearly as old as the century just closed. Two previous mills on the same site have been burned. In 1849 William Haile took up the business in company with Daniel H. Ripley, who subsequently sold his interest to John D. Todd; Mr. Todd sold out in time to Mr. Frost, whose firm had been the selling agents of the mill for some years, and a little later William H. Haile was taken into the firm. Although William Haile died in 1876, the firm name has never been essentially changed.

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During all his years of active life as a manufacturer, the elder Haile lived in a plain two-story house directly opposite the mill office, often going away to a seat in the legislature, then to attend the constitutional convention and preside over the Senate, and finally, in 1857 and 1858, to serve as chief magistrate of the state.

The family removed to Hinsdale when William H. Haile was a child, and there he attended the public schools, and fitted for college at Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, N.H. He first entered Amherst, and after a year there he went to Dartmouth, where he was graduated with honors in 1856. He remained loyal to New Hampshire and its college, and retained through life his interest in Dartmouth.

Leaving college, he came to Springfield and began the study of law with Beach and Bond. The fact that his sister had married the late Ex-Mayor John M. Stebbins largely influenced his choice of that city at the outset of his career. He was admitted to the bar in 1859, and for a short time practiced in Boston. But the ancestral business appealed to him more than law, and in 1861 he removed to Hinsdale, and became a partner in the firm of Haile, Frost and Company.

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The business was subsequently incorporated as the Haile and Frost Manufacturing Company with Mr. Rufus S. Frost as president, and Mr. William H. Haile as treasurer. Mr. Frost and Mr. Haile were always close friends, and their personal and business relations during the many years of their association were harmonious and cordial to a remarkable degree.

After the death of Mr. Frost, in 1894, Mr. Haile became president, and in due time his son Henry C. Haile became the treasurer of the company.

Mr. Haile was three times elected to the legislature of New Hampshire, in 1865, 1866, and 1871.

In January, 1861, William H. Haile married Miss Amelia L. Chapin, daughter of the late Ethan S. and Louisa (Burns) Chapin of Springfield, making their residence in Hinsdale until 1871, when the claims of Springfield drew them back to establish their permanent home in that city; since 1876 on Chestnut Street in the house once occupied by George Bancroft, the historian, and later by the late George Walker, a pleasant substantial mansion with ample garden facilities stretching back in the old-fashioned style.

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Haile first became prominent in the local politics of this section. He was known to the politicians as a business man of quiet tastes, upright life, active in the First Church, who did business in New Hampshire.

As a synopsis of this political evolution, a graphic extract from the columns of the *Republican* is here given, preserving, as it does, the local atmosphere and the political issues of that period.

"During the campaign of 1880, Mr. L. J. Powers, who had served the city with credit for two terms as its mayor, had some active enemies, and a 'still hunt' was inaugurated to defeat him in the Republican caucuses.

"In despair of success, at last, the late Benjamin Weaver, and others went to Mr. Haile with representations that persuaded him to permit the use of his name, and the result was that the caucuses gave Mayor Powers 346 votes and his opponent 417.

"Mr. Haile was duly elected over the late E. W. Ladd by a majority of 465. He made a painstaking, tactful, and successful chief magistrate of the city, but the work wore on him and he declined renomination.

"The next year he was elected senator from this district, and served two terms. This was

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his advent in state politics, and introduced him to the Commonwealth as a Republican of growing consequence. He served on important committees, and in the election of a United States senator was a leader in the support of John D. Long.

"It was in 1889 that Mr. Haile was first nominated for lieutenant-governor on the ticket headed by John Q. A. Brackett, and both were elected. The next year Governor Brackett ran to meet his defeat at the hands of William E. Russell, and so was permanently retired, while Lieutenant-Governor Haile was again elected. In the next election Colonel Charles H. Allen of Lowell, now governor-general of Porto Rico, was the Republican candidate for governor, with Lieutenant-Governor Haile renominated; Allen was defeated and Haile elected.

"In 1892 Lieutenant-Governor Haile was nominated for governor, and Roger Wolcott for lieutenant-governor. In this contest Mr. Haile was defeated by Governor Russell, and Roger Wolcott was elected lieutenant-governor. The governor had 186,377 votes and Mr. Haile 183,843. It was unfortunate for the Springfield candidate that the name of Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst, the prohibition candidate for governor, came after him on the ballot, so that careless

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voters marked Haile and Wolcott Hamlin, instead of Haile and Roger Wolcott. In this way many votes intended for Mr. Haile were negatived, enough, the party managers have believed, to lose him the election. It is a matter of fact that a surprising number of presumably intelligent voters confessed to this mistake.

"In 1893 Mr. Haile stood in line for another nomination to the governorship, with practically no opposition or question as to what the republican party ought to do. His friends were extremely anxious to give him the vindication which they felt to be his due, and Mr. Haile was himself confident of the outcome of the trial. But while he had thought deeply upon the duties that the governorship would bring, and had gone so far as to formulate a reform policy, which he believed would benefit the state, he had premonitions that the strain of the governorship would be more than his strength could bear. He became convinced that it was time to conserve his physical forces. And so, deliberately, in full realization of all he was abandoning of assured public honor, he decided that to the business cares which were imperative he could not safely add the burden of the governorship. In this decision he was supported by his wife and a few of his nearest

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friends, not politicians. The announcement of his decision March 16, 1893, came as a bombshell to the Republican managers and the people of the state. It was resented by many.

That it was a wise determination time has shown, in that Mr. Haile's strength would undoubtedly have failed more rapidly under the pressure of executive cares, particularly as he had some reforms to urge that would have entailed irritant factors. He regretted most of all to disappoint those friends whose loyal support he held at its full value. The *Republican* then said:—

This year Mr. Haile's business calls for more attention, and he desires such personal freedom as could not be had if he remains in politics. The honor which went with three terms as lieutenant-governor fully satisfies his ambition, and to that was added the unique position of having the nomination for governor come to him unsought and really undesired. His public record has been honorable and creditable in every way, and if now he elects to conserve his business interests and health, and enjoy in fuller measure the home life that is dear to him, who shall say that he has not chosen wisely and well?

It was thus that the path was opened for the late Frederic T. Greenhalge, so that he was able to obtain the party nomination that fall, after a vigorous fight for it.

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But while thus personally "out of politics," Mr. Haile's interest in it never flagged. He maintained his relations with men active in the affairs of the state and nation, and was constant in his attendance upon Republican state conventions. He was one of the presidential electors four years ago. As has been said, he viewed with keenest regret the growth of our distorted national relations with the people of the Philippine archipelago, and when he was made chairman of the committee on resolutions of the state convention of 1899, he accepted the place with full realization of possible friction at this point. It may not be generally known that if his draft of the plank, which especially dealt with that question, had not been acceptable to his associates and the convention, he stood ready to step aside. There was a point beyond which his convictions would not permit him to go. He drafted the platform entire while resting in the White Mountains, and it was accepted without essential modification.

The Philippine plank is worth recalling in this connection, as expressing views which he held to the last:—

The recent war with Spain, which was necessitated by humanity, has been overwhelmingly vindicated by the results so speedily and splendidly attained. We

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commend the tact, the patience, the skill, and the statesmanlike spirit with which the President has approached the perplexing problems arising from the war. Under the treaty with Spain, the law of nations put upon the United States the responsibility for the peace and security of life and property, the well-being and the future government of the Philippine islands; accepting this responsibility, it is our profound trust that the present hostilities can be brought to an early termination, and that Congress, guided by a wise and patriotic administration, will establish and maintain in those islands, hitherto the home of tyranny, a government as free, as liberal, and as progressive as our own, in accordance with the sacred principles of liberty and self-government upon which the American republic so securely rests.

Mr. Haile's business interests were large. His place in the woolen trade is shown by the fact that upon the death of Mr. Frost he was elected president of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers. He was also interested in the Berkshire Cotton Manufacturing Company of Adams, which has been so strikingly developed by William B. Plunkett.

The choice of Mr. Haile for the presidency of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, in 1895, was due, in a great measure, to the favorable impression made by his eloquent speech at the great mass meeting of wool manufacturers in New York City in January, 1894,

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to protest against the woolen schedule of the Wilson Tariff Bill, which had then passed the House of Representatives in a form which threatened the extinction of the wool industry.

Mr. Haile was president of the Hampden Loan and Trust Company, in which he owned a large interest and felt great personal pride. For many years he was president of the Springfield Gas Light Company, a trustee of the Springfield Institution for Savings, a director of the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Springfield Library Association, Pynchon National Bank, Winchester N.H. National Bank, Berkshire Cotton Manufacturing Company, Massasoit Paper Company, and the Chester Paper Company; vice-president of the Springfield Cemetery Association, and a member of the Springfield Fire Commission.

In 1898 he was appointed by President McKinley visitor to Annapolis, and he was chairman of the committee on resolutions for the last state election (1899). He was on the reception committee on the occasion of President McKinley's visit to Springfield, and was a personal friend of the President.

Mr. Haile was an active member of the First Congregational Church, and held office in the Church, Parish, and Sunday school.

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He was a member of the Winthrop Club for many years, and of the Middlesex Club and the Massachusetts Club of Boston.

The following editorial appreciation, quoted here by permission from the *Republican* of February 14, throws many interesting sidelights upon the character and career of "Springfield's first citizen."

"The news of the death of Ex-Lieutenant-Governor William H. Haile will carry sorrow coextensive with Mr. Haile's wide acquaintance, for he was surely one who loved his fellow-men. In him all men saw a transparently true man, the embodiment of the virtue of New England, anxiously kind, faithful, beloved. We shall all miss him, and how much he was to the community and to individuals will be realized beyond the thought of some.

"It is justice to say that whatsoever things were honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report he stood for—not assuming anything, never an exhorter, but living as his own, in simple faith, the beliefs inherited and embraced. There was nothing complex about him in intellect or character, only an honest man, faithful in word and deed, transparently genuine. He had a fondness for clean politics and for public life, and took his republicanism as he did his

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religion. But he was rooted in the Americanism of freedom, and, like Senator Hoar, was greatly troubled by the recent national departure from our historic principles of liberty; though, like the senior senator, he could not turn his back upon President McKinley and the party to which his lifelong allegiance had been given. He could not be anything but a straight Republican.

"But to the last he believed, also with Senator Hoar, that 'the people that gained the great heights of the Declaration will not abandon them.' He had faith that time and events would right what he believed to be a lamentable departure from the true American doctrine.

"This death removes the man who was, in all our public functions, the foremost citizen of Springfield. It was to Mr. Haile of late years, since he became prominent in public life, that everybody looked as the person fitted to preside on our public occasions, whether a Republican rally, a meeting in which all citizens were interested, or a great banquet. This duty he cheerfully accepted and performed well.

"He never came to such an opportunity unprepared, but, in brief, sensible, and well-considered speech, was adequate to the occasion. Of fine personal presence, with a pleasant voice,

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of good carrying power, and full sense of the proprieties, he did credit to himself and to the city. Failing health had of late cut him off from such service, and the man able to fill his place in such ways is not in sight.

"He gave up his useful part in the community life reluctantly, and step by step, as the need came. 'I should like to live much longer, in order to do more good in the world,' he said to a friend, after his serious invalidism made the future doubtful. 'I say this to you,' he quickly added, 'because you will understand.' He was ever modest about himself. Here we get an insight into the deeper purposes of this life, the real man who was kindly and helpful almost to a fault, so much so that designing persons sometimes imposed upon his generosity. But this was by far the lesser element.

"His generosity, the desire to serve, made him ready in giving, not only to local interests, but in the wider field of missionary, charitable, and educational causes that reached out to the country and the world. If he was fortunate in this world's goods, in having the money necessary to live well, to travel, and to enjoy such comforts as appeal to a refined nature, he never lost sight of or weakened the sense of stewardship that belongs to such fortune.

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"The individuals he has helped would make a long catalogue, and the grief at his death will include all phases of our citizenship. The man had no enemies. His was a nature that abhorred the thought of enmity, and to differ sharply was a pain from which he instinctively shrank. There were those who interpreted this saturation of kindness as evidence of weakness, but the men who came closest to him, who understood his firmness of purpose where principle was concerned, and saw how he girded himself for resolute action when the need was, understood Mr. Haile better.

"In essentials he could be as unbending as the man of more aggressive front and greater pretensions to firmness. But he loved peace better than war, and his visible and dominating characteristic was kindness and the wish to serve. He was most ingenuous on this side of his nature. Speaking of the operatives in his mill at Hinsdale, N.H., he often said: 'Yes, I keep a club in my office, and I call it kindness. It never has failed me in dealing with my help — they are all my friends.' And so they were, many of them inherited friends from his father's time, bound more closely to the son in a mutually self-respecting manufacturing community. It is no exaggeration to say that the operatives in

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Hinsdale will feel that they have lost an elder brother, ever kind, forbearing, and reliable. His liberality was great, and it was true generosity because the heart entered into the giving.

"The conscience of the man in all his relations to the public service was so sensitive as to prove a hard taskmaster, threatening his physical well-being. He wanted to do things just right, and this introduced the element of worry. But if the spur was relentless, it availed to produce good work. When he was filling the office of mayor, and worrying at night over its duties and problems, he confided to a friend that he had lost a good many pounds of flesh since taking the office. 'Ah,' placidly rejoined his friend, 'you must be making a good mayor!' a remark which Mr. Haile often quoted as carrying an assurance that did him good. It was both true and helpful at that time, when the new harness fretted him unduly.

"To the duties of the lieutenant-governorship, especially under Governor Russell, of the opposite political faith, Mr. Haile gave close attention and infinite pains.

"It was, of course, a more exacting office under these conditions than under a Republican governor, because the lieutenant-governor

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was the Republican leader in such matters as came before the executive council, over which he presided. In this difficult position Lieutenant-Governor Haile acquitted himself well, at the same time maintaining the most pleasant personal relations with Governor Russell. He was especially attentive to pardon cases, and spared no exertions in their examination, and in looking after the state institutions as they were related to the council and the executive department.

"Mr. Haile enjoyed his service in Boston, especially as it enlarged his acquaintance and brought him friends throughout the state. He enjoyed the friendliness of other people, and it was a satisfaction to him that in each of the three years he was elected to the second office on the state ticket his vote was larger than that of the Republican candidate for governor."

His constant activity and devotion to every interest of the church and Sunday school are appreciatively set forth in the addresses given in that church on the occasion of his funeral, which are elsewhere presented.

Of his nearness to the popular heart of the community, the following reference to the subject, from the editorial columns of the *Republican*, found responsive echo in the hearts of all

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who were privileged to share in the last honors to the dead :—

“ The people gave ample testimony yesterday that Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Haile had been Springfield’s foremost public man of his generation. His funeral was in the thought of the people, many hundreds of whom stood as the body of a beloved citizen was taken into and from the church where he had been such a faithful and valued factor. The church itself was filled, not only with the official representatives of the municipality and the state, our men of affairs and of the professions, the directors of the corporations with which Mr. Haile had become identified, but — what was far more impressive — with men and women from every walk of life, the humble quite as conspicuously as the well-to-do.

“ Much was revealed to one who sat and watched the procession pass the open coffin. Face after face, careworn women with their little boys, told of where this man’s helping hand had been extended. Not since the bodies of the late Judge Shurtleff and the beloved Dr. Buckingham were laid away had there been such a coming together of a mourning assembly that included all of us. Not intellectuality, or any of the pomp and circumstance of public

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life, moved men to the tribute paid to these three citizens—it was their nearness to our average life, their helpfulness and the desire to serve, always active and never dulled, which knit the people to them, their good will and kind speaking. It does not need that any one should laboriously draw the moral of Mr. Haile's life. There are lives so simple, clear, and true as to be an uplift. Personal weaknesses are lost in the sense of goodness. Their ending begets sorrow that does not need celebrating, so visible, genuine, and pervasive is it. That is what the people of the city saw and felt yesterday."

Mrs. Haile survives her husband, and besides the son, Henry Chapin Haile, who succeeds to many of his father's responsibilities, there is one daughter living, Alice, the wife of Dr. Cheney H. Calkins of Springfield. The first-born son, William Chapin, died in infancy.

Two sisters also survive him, Mrs. John M. Stebbins of Springfield, and Mrs. O. G. Dort of New Hampshire.

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THE funeral of Ex-Lieutenant-Governor William H. Haile was held in the First Congregational Church on Saturday, February 16, and his memory was honored by the largest assemblage of representative men that has gathered for a similar occasion in several years. The services, although simple, were in keeping with the dead man's tastes and life. The floral tributes were unusually elaborate and appropriate, including tokens from all the many institutions and circles of activity with which Governor Haile had been identified, an especially handsome one being sent by the Republican state committee. The pulpit and platform of the church were solidly banked with palms, making a beautiful background of green, which was relieved by a single cluster of lilies on the pulpit stand. In front of this green the fine coffin of silver gray, with old-silver handles, was placed, and the floral pieces were arranged in the seats immediately in front. A large part of the seating capacity of the audience room was reserved

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for those who had signified their intention of attending the services to do honor to their departed companion and friend.

These included: James J. Myers, speaker of the state House of Representatives; Edward S. Bradford, state treasurer; Edward F. Hamlin, executive secretary; Colonel A. H. Goetting and Dana Malone, representing the Republican state committee; Ephraim Stearns of Waltham, member of the governor's council in 1891 and 1892; Mayor Hayes; members of both branches of the city council; members of all the boards and representatives of all departments in the city government; several former mayors; directors and employees of the Hampden Loan and Trust Company; directors of the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company; trustees and employees of the Springfield Institution for Savings; directors of the Springfield Library Association; directors of the Mutual Fire Assurance Company; and members of the Springfield Cemetery Association. Besides these, there were representatives of all the other banks in the city, and many of the local stores and manufacturing institutions. Governor Crane had planned to be present at the funeral, expecting to arrive in the city about one in the afternoon, but a telegram

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announcing illness in his family made it impossible for him to stop. The governor sent messages to State Treasurer Bradford and Executive Secretary Hamlin, informing them of the emergency, and expressing his regrets.

Brief services were held at the home on Chestnut Street at 2, Rev. F. L. Goodspeed offering prayer. The body was then taken to the First Church, where the more extended service was held at 2.30. As the hearse was drawn up in front of the church the honorary bearers stood on each side of the steps, while the coffin was borne into the church. While the procession was entering the church the large congregation stood, and the solemn stillness of the occasion was broken only by the repeating of the funeral service. The honorary bearers were: Henry S. Lee, Julius H. Appleton, Edward P. Chapin, Charles E. Brown, William F. Whiting of Holyoke, Edmund P. Kendrick, William G. McIntyre, Peter Murray, William E. Wright, James L. Johnson, Edward C. Rogers, Stephen Chapin, William B. Plunkett of Adams, John A. Hall, B. Frank Steele, Solomon B. Griffin, A. A. Packard, James A. Rumrill, R. F. Greeley of Boston, and A. W. Damon. The active bearers were

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Sergeants Perkins and Hadd, and Patrolmen Haynes, Goodwin, Sibley, and Atkins.

The service was opened with the reading of passages of scripture by Rev. Dr. F. L. Good-speed, after which Rev. Dr. E. A. Reed of Holyoke spoke briefly of his acquaintance with Governor Haile while pastor of the First Church. Dr. Reed said in part: "I have been asked to say a few words of the man who has gone from among us. My knowledge of him came when it was my privilege to serve this church. I remember well when he came to this parish, and it was a distinct gain to us, just as his leaving it now is a distinct loss. He entered into the activity of the parish, both in its social and spiritual life, and he showed a love for all the activities as was only possible for such a man. I think his faith was unaffected, hearty, and intelligent. I do not know why so many of our laymen and business men are not found in the prayer meetings, and the other circles of church activity. Governor Haile was a most active man in business, yet he found time to be superintendent of the Sunday school for many years, and he had a constant zeal for the church life. I could not say anything you do not know."

"He was a good man, a generous man, giving

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of his substance and of his thought. All my thoughts of him as a parishioner, business man, and neighbor—for it was my privilege to live near him for a time—are the most pleasant. He was a man who was found always on the right side, and he always did what he believed to be his duty. There are many men in a community who are able, and have real piety, yet with all these advantages and endowments they are unable to do much, simply because they lack the disposition. The life of our friend was marked with sympathy and cordiality. We shall never forget his cheerful and friendly greeting. I wonder why we do not practice these things more. Our friend has left his noble Christian life as a legacy to his children and this parish. May I die the death of a Christian, and may my end be like his."

Following Rev. Dr. Reed, Rev. Dr. Good-speed, as Governor Haile's pastor, gave the address which follows. The services were closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. J. L. R. Trask, and the body was borne to the tomb in the Springfield cemetery.

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Address by Rev. F. L. Goodspeed, Ph.D.

PASTOR OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

I CANNOT hope to add anything to the tributes of respect and admiration that have already been offered to the memory of William H. Haile. After all, what a man is in business or in public life resolves itself back into what he is as a man. Before any man is a manufacturer or an officeholder, he is a man, and what he is as a man will determine his character in all the departments and relationships of life. In honoring Mr. Haile, we honor ourselves. He does not need our praise. His life, as we look back upon it, has spoken its own best eulogium. If there is one scriptural phrase which seems to express the dominant note of his character it would be, as it seems to me, this: "In his tongue was the law of kindness." He never harbored a grudge. He was too noble to impugn the motives of others, too busy to turn aside to anything which did not contribute to high living and the good of man. He put

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the best interpretation possible upon every act which seemed aside from right, and gave the wrongdoer the benefit of every doubt. He possessed that charity which "suffereth long and is kind." He never willingly brought grief or pain to any human being. He had the heart of a woman for gentleness, the spirit of a prophet for righteousness. In his life the angel song of "Peace on earth, good will toward men," was reëchoed and fulfilled. It was his hope and his prayer that as the nineteenth century had put an end to slavery, so the twentieth century would put an end to war.

With a refined rather than an extravagant taste, an ear open to all appeals, and a heart which responded to all necessity, he was a man gentle in manner, knightly in courtesy, frank in expression, transparent in motive, noble in his ideals of honor and the worth and weight of truth when wrought into character. An optimist by nature, his presence was sunshine, his greeting was good cheer. He lived in the Spirit, and without parade or seeming effort allowed the spiritual to control and uplift alike the common life of business and his public service. He was incapable of intrigue, a stranger to dishonor. He harbored malice toward none; he exercised charity toward all.

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But beneath all the warm geniality and gentleness of his life there was nevertheless a strong undercurrent of solid Christian principle. He had a rare faculty for considering a question from all sides, but after such care in examination had been exercised, his opinion settled down into conviction and was rarely changed. He was an earnest and consistent advocate of temperance, and through his public service so steadily and unobtrusively did he stand by his convictions, as to make his example tell for the cause and win for him the respect of his associates as a consistent temperance man. Whatever others might do, he always turned down his glass. He stood by that right which is "the sacrifice of self to good"; he renounced that wrong which is "the sacrifice of good to self." His whole life, public and private, as it has been lived amongst us, was on this principle so well expressed by the poet:—

Take thou no care for aught but truth and right,
Content, if such thy fate, to die obscure :
Wealth palls and honors ; fame may not endure ;
And loftier souls soon weary of delight.
Keep innocence, be all a true man ought ;
Let neither pleasure tempt nor pain appall ;
Who hath this, he hath all things, saving naught ;
Who hath it not hath nothing, having all.

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To us in the church he loved, he was an inspiration. Loyal to the word of God and to all things vital to the Christian faith, he was broad in his sympathies and his benevolence. He cultivated all the graces—faith, hope, courage, unselfishness. He was a catholic, broad, large-hearted, wide-minded man. He carried principle and system into his religion, which was a part of his life. Honored and trusted by his brethren in the church with many important and arduous responsibilities, he never gave the impression that he was overburdened or felt his service irksome. He had a keen and high sense of Christian stewardship. With him, living was sharing. He “gave himself with his alms.” Wealth was a divine trust. True men were trustees of that which, to withhold, was loss, not gain. He never felt that lust of acquisition which eats out the true life and violates the first commandment with that covetousness which is idolatry. He felt that ability was responsibility, and that the generous alone are great. And so he gave his heart, his hand, his time, his means, himself.

A corporate member of the American Board of Missions, and also intensely interested in the progress of Christianity in all our national bounds, he swept the whole field of opportu-

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nity. He believed intensely in men, and whether it was a church in Dakota or a college in Oregon or the need of the Indian or the call of the negro or the distress and ignorance of the Chinaman, he, from his watchtower, saw the opportunity and the need, at once appalling and sublime, and was true to the strenuous and exalted demands of Christian stewardship. He had no hobbies, but heartily coöperated with every movement to nourish and ennoble manhood, whether in Springfield, on the far frontier, in Bombay or Pekin. Keeping his ideals, his illusions, if you please, to the end, he believed in man, in man as an inhabitant of earth, in man as a son of God fronting eternal possibilities. He was able to overlook the feet of clay and see only the golden crown. He honored every man's personality; he felt, with the pagan moralist, that "man should be a sacred thing to man," and fulfilled also the apostolic injunction to "honor all men." In every man he sought for the good and not the evil, the angel and not the serpent, the Christ and not the Adam. Seeing beyond what man is, he beheld him in the light of what he might become.

He loved New England, her hills and valleys, and her people. He was proud of his New England ancestry and of New England's splen-

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did history and her influence in the nation and the world; but he felt the futility of trying to live on ancestral heroisms and of worshiping traditions of sacrifice and toil, however noble and glorious, unless we, the sons of the Pilgrim and the Puritan, were willing to dedicate ourselves to the best and highest God has revealed in bringing in the reign of righteousness and truth and brotherhood as the crown and glory of life. He loved his adopted state, and gave to the Commonwealth which had honored him an absolutely honest and disinterested service. He loved our city, and no man derived more happiness from the building of its institutions, from its material prosperity, and from its intellectual and spiritual progress. He loved the scarred veterans of the rebellion, and could never do too much for an old soldier.

In politics he was a Republican. He believed with all his soul that republicanism was right. Still, he was not a party-bound man, and when his party had deviated, as he thought, from the way of wisdom, he could protest. He recognized that there were good men in all parties, and he was never betrayed into bitterness or uncharitableness toward a political opponent. He rejoiced with unspeakable joy over the burying of sectional animosities, and while

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absolutely loyal to the uncounted brave who sleep on in southern swamp and on southern battlefield, yet beheld with thankful heart the survivors and heroes of that bitter time mingle cheers and tears above the boys of this later day who from North and South alike marched loyal to one flag. Tolerant, just, humane, he tried to help lift the world's heavy burden and quicken its impulse toward the light. He was unselfish and incorruptible. He, too, would rather have been right than to have been President.

Says St. Paul, "To die is gain." Gain for him, but loss to us! Gain for him in enlarging the sphere of life, gain in passing from a lower to a higher stage of exercise and development, gain in the motives of immortality, gain in the ministries which heaven inspires, gain in the dignity of nobler service and a loftier range of activity, gain in assuming the bearing and putting on the vesture of a prince in the palace of the King — the larger grafted on the smaller life. There he is the same, yet better, changed only as the bud that blooms, changed only as the sun which, obscured before, throws off the veil of the eclipse of sailing cloud. He is not shorn of strength by death, but released to take his intellect, his friendships, his heart's elec-

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tions, his yearning, and his craving into a land of fullness and fruition, even as the sun still shineth in his strength, when, to light another hemisphere, he sinks with all his beams below the sea. If love be of God, then it must be immortal. If it be the very music of the universe, no death can quench the everlasting song: "In my Father's house are many mansions; I go to prepare a place for you."

As the spaces between us and it are bright with passing spirits, so is the city being builded, growing to keep pace with the redeeming purpose of God. To it they come streaming as doves tossed by the storm come flying to their windows — "a great multitude that no man can number" — to the city of unbroken time, of limitless progressions, which Christian faith beholds, just as sometimes from a mountain at break of day we have seen a city shine out from the receding mists — spires and towers and roofs of gold from out the changing glory of the cloud.

"There is the throne of David ;
And there, from care released,
The song of them that triumph,
The shout of them that feast ;
And they who with their Leader,
Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white."

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Memorial Service at Adams, Mass.,
March 24, 1901

A MEMORIAL service for Hon. William H. Haile was held in the Congregational Church at Adams, Mass., on Sunday evening, March 24, 1901. The service was arranged for by Mr. W. B. Plunkett, who had for some years been associated with Mr. Haile in business, and who was his warm admirer and friend. A special program had been prepared and printed containing Mr. Haile's picture upon the front page. The church was beautifully decorated with Easter lilies and other flowers, and special music was rendered by the choir and an orchestra. In spite of a severe storm, a large audience assembled, composed largely of men who had known Mr. Haile and had listened to him when, on several occasions, he had addressed them upon political and religious themes. Several mentioned Mr. Haile's fondness for the beautiful passage in Phil. iv. 8, which he never tired of quoting, and which was read as the scripture lesson of the evening: "Whatsoever

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things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Thus did his happy temperament transmute everything to gold!

Rev. A. B. Penniman, pastor of the church, conducted the devotional exercises, and Rev. Dr. Goodspeed of Springfield delivered the address. After giving a sketch of Mr. Haile's early life and of his public career, he mentioned the elements of his power and of his character. He was of New England ancestry, and his early life and training prophesied noble things for his mature years. As the morning prophesies the noonday, so youth is prophetic of age. Manhood is in boyhood as the oak is in the acorn. The life epic, completed at threescore and ten, is the song of twenty sweetened and enriched by experience and trust. A man who has improved the morning will have a calm afternoon and a cloudless sunset.

Dr. Goodspeed said that Mr. Haile had left us the lessons of a life exceptionally noble and beautiful. He had made exhibition of a character of gracious charity, of high-minded justice and devotion to duty, and of far-reaching gen-

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erosity. The apostle says, "Whatever is made manifest is light." Every man stands in a reflected glory, in a borrowed splendor. Mr. Haile was a Christian man. So far was he from pride or boastfulness that he ascribed all he was to the Christ, whose spirit of boundless charity he had caught to a remarkable degree. His judgments always leaned to mercy. Concerning any wrongdoer he was careful to inquire: "What were the man's antecedents? Was there prayer in his childhood's home? Did he know the love of a good mother? What are his recollections? As a child was he shielded, or did he pass an exposed and tempted youth? What was the power of heredity upon and within him?"—all these considerations, which are so often absent from our verdicts upon conduct, Mr. Haile was always careful to take into account. He felt that back of the manifestation lies the man, and that God, who measures not the doing but the doer, keeps his eye upon the design in the soul, which perhaps the hands are powerless to realize before the gaze of men; that the city of God is built of temples not made with hands, temples whose workmanship was wrought only in a dream of what the heart longed to do but could not fulfill. Therefore it was his rule that

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we ought not to judge one another, but stimulate one another to love and good works.

Amid the rancor and the bitterness of earth he taught us the nobility of manhood, the sacredness of the soul, the beauty of sweet charity, and the strength of the patience of Christ. Thus the good do their work upon us and upon the world, and pass to their reward. "The mountains melt into the distance and the cedars fall." Out of our sight and beyond our call, has passed a beautiful life, "in its simplicity sublime." Those who knew him best, loved him best, and to-day they sigh

"for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still!"

But he is still ours, his friendship, and his example, and his memory are ours. The true, strong lessons of his life are ours. Therefore,

"Why make we moan
For loss that doth enrich us yet
With upward yearnings of regret ?
Bleaker than unmossed stone
Our lives were, but for this immortal gain
Of unstilled longing and inspiring pain !
As thrills of long-hushed tone
Live in the viol, so our souls grow fine
With keen vibrations from the touch divine
Of noble natures gone."

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Proclamation by the Mayor of Springfield



*City of Springfield,
Mass.*

Mayor's Office,

WILLIAM P. HAYES, *Mayor.* *City Hall, February 15, 1901.*

To THE CITIZENS OF SPRINGFIELD:—

THE death of Hon. William H. Haile, one of the foremost citizens of this city, makes it fitting that the people of this community should give proper public expression of their feeling at this time. Mr. Haile's services as Mayor of Springfield, Senator from the first Hampden district, and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth, as well as the activity manifested by him in the public affairs of our city, all attest his deep interest in the welfare of the people and whatever might contribute thereto. His life among us has been such as to attain and deserve the commendation of all good citizens, and his death is widely recognized as a public loss.

I therefore recommend that the city council and all city officials attend in a body the funeral services to be held at the First Congregational Church at 2.30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, February 16, 1901; that flags be placed at half-mast throughout the city during the day; and that there be such a suspension of business as may be practicable between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

WILLIAM P. HAYES,
Mayor.

A true copy.

[SEAL]

Attest: E. A. NEWELL,
City Clerk.

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CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 18th. 1901.

Whereas, in the providence of God, we are called upon to mourn the death of our beloved fellow citizen,

WILLIAM HENRY HAILE.

it seems eminently fitting in view of his long life, high character and valuable public services, that due notice be taken by us of the great loss sustained by the City and State to which he gave so much of his useful life.

Therefore, be it Resolved,

That we, the members of the City Council of the City of Springfield, sincerely regret the death of

Lieutenant-Governor Haile,

but find some degree of consolation in the memory of his noble Christian manhood and his kindly, helpful life - a truly good man who had no enemies.

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RESOLVED, That we commend this example
of a life lived to high purposes amid
this bustling, modern world, and take
pride in holding it up for the emulation of
ourselves and our fellow citizens.

Resolved, That we can honestly characterize the services of
William Henry Haile,
as Mayor, Senator, and Lieutenant-Governor, as faithful,
pains-taking and successful. In all he was above everything
else, conscientious; and the city, district, and commonwealth
were fortunate in securing the work of such a servant.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the
records of the City Council, and a copy properly engrossed be
sent to the family of Mr. Haile.

Resolved, by unanimous rising vote: sent down
for concurrence. *E. A. Newell, Clerk,*
Common Council, February 18th, 1901, Read and Concurred.
H. S. Gilbert, Clerk.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 19th, 1901.
E. A. Newell, City Clerk,

Mayors Office, Springfield Mass February 19th 1901 Approved
William P. Hayes, Mayor.

A true copy attested

E. A. Newell

Clerk

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*An abstract from the Directors Records of the
Hampden Loan and Trust Company.
Springfield, Massachusetts February 23rd, 1901.*

The President of this Company, the

Hon. William Henry Haile,

died at his home in this city on Wednesday.

February 13th, 1901.

*His wise counsel; his careful attention to
all its affairs; his excellent judgment: his
marked ability, and the great feeling of respect
and confidence which he inspired in all who knew
him, have been of incalculable advantage and
benefit to this Company, and his death,
for these material reasons, is deeply
deplored.*

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We, as Directors, feel more strongly our personal loss at his departure from among us.

This kindly nature; his unfailing courtesy; the friendly grasp of the hand, and his manifest interest in the welfare of each one of us, have made our attendance at the meetings of this Board an inspiration and a pleasure.

We have not only lost our wise and esteemed President and Director, but a valued personal friend.

*In token of our affection for him,
and of our regret that we shall no more have
him with us; this memorial is placed upon our
records.*

Peter Imray

Edward P. Kendrick.

William F. McIntyre.

William F. Whiting

William E. Wright.

William C. Huntot

William Jr. McPleach

A. H. Phillips,

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It was
Resolved that the following
minute be entered
on the records of the Institution

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Since last meeting together we have
lost by death one of our number, the

Honorable William M. Blaile.

who joined our board in May 3. 1882.

We may not by our declaration make more
evident the fact which is common knowledge
in this community, that Mr Blaile added
wisdom with good fellowship to every council
in which he participated. But we may
place on record our sense of personal loss
in his death. And offer to those who were
nearest to him our tribute to the winning
personality of a fellow counselor whom we
grieve that we shall not have with us again.

Henry S. Lee

Ashur S. Keat

Julius H. Apperson

John S. Hale

Edw D. Chapin

Marcus P. Knobell

H. L. Doeworth

M. A. Caldwell

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*At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance
Company,*

Held on the 11th day of March 1901,

the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.
*"On Wednesday February 13th 1901, the Springfield Fire & Marine Insurance
Company lost by death one of its oldest and most esteemed directors,
former*

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

WILLIAM H. HAILE.

*To his memory we wish to pay the tribute of our
AFFECTION, RESPECT AND HONOR.*

*Of affection, for he was one of the
kindest and most courteous of men, loth to
hurt the feelings of anyone and ever ready to
say a kindly word or do a benevolent deed.*

*Of respect, for his great ability in
business and political affairs.*

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Of honor, for his high Christian character, evident in both social and business relations, and in his devotion to duty in the administration of all the many important offices committed by the people to his charge!

We have lost an able business associate, a true friend, and together with the community, a wise counselor.

We sincerely sympathize with the family in their great sorrow.

A W Damon
Post

D J Murray Secy

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Board of Commissioners
of the
Springfield Fire Department
April 5, 1901.



William St. Blaile, was appointed a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Springfield Fire Department in 1893, on the formation of the Board. He had served the city in the high office of Mayor with signal ability and his knowledge of city affairs and the needs of the fire department made him peculiarly fitted for the duties of the board.

Although he had many and varied business interests and responsibilities which

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made constant demands upon his time, his interest in the city and all that made for its advancement and betterment led him to accept the appointment, and at considerable sacrifice of time and comfort he gave to the work that earnestness and zeal which characterized all his actions. His kindness of heart, his courtliness of manner and his high sense of honor made it a pleasure and honor to be associated with him. In his death his associates lose an able counselor, an earnest co-worker for the upbuilding of the department and one whose memory will be cherished for all time.

Edw P. Clegg

James E. Dunleavy
Worner Gilmore
Henry L. Nine
William W. Topley.

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AT A MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE
Springfield Cemetery Association,

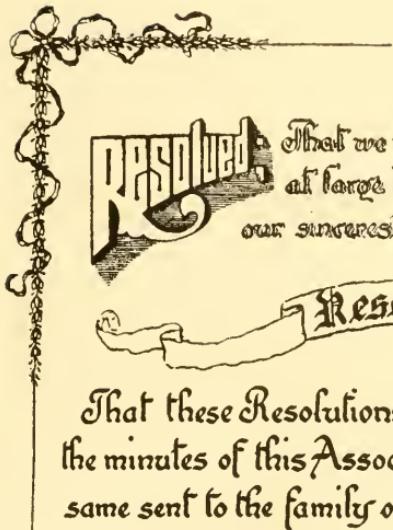
on Saturday, February 23rd, 1901, the following
resolutions were presented and unanimously adopted.

Whereas: By an inscrutable Providence, the wisdom
of whose action is beyond the reach of mortal vision, yet to which
all must bow, this Board of Trustees has been deprived of
one of its members by the hand of death.

WILLIAM H. HAILE.

Therefore be it **RESOLVED**; That we each
regard his loss from our midst as a personal bereavement,
RESOLVED; That we shall ever hold in highest
regard the superior exemplification of manly
character and Christian principles, afforded by his
life, every day of which was a witness to his integrity,
his generosity, and his noble ambitions.

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Resolved

That we unite with the community at large in extending to his family our sincerest sympathy.

Resolved:

That these Resolutions be duly entered upon the minutes of this Association, and a copy of the same sent to the family of our departed friend.

Edw T. Capin.

Chas. Nichols,

Barlow P. Stone.

Oscar S. Gundlach

Gus H. Wells

Jas. J. Abbe.
E. Morgan

Lathum & Co.

Attest W. C. Marsh - Clerk

Resolutions passed by the National Association of Woolen Manufacturers

HON. WILLIAM HENRY HAILE, president of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers from 1895 to 1900, died at his home in Springfield, Mass., on February 13, 1901, aged 67 years. In Mr. Haile's death the national association sustains a loss which is shared by the community in which he was the representative citizen; by the Commonwealth which he served with conspicuous honor in her highest councils; and by the industry which recognized in him a type of the manufacturer who ennobles and uplifts the calling.

Mr. Haile was president of this association throughout one of the most important and critical periods of its history, covering the tariff revision of 1897. With natural convictions regarding the necessity and advantages of the protective policy equitably and properly applied, he guided the organization through those difficult and trying days with singular tact and skill, reconciling conflicting interests, counseling and commanding harmony and mutual concession, never losing control of the situation, never departing from the urbane dignity, the natural equanimity, and the simple sincerity which distinguished him in all the relations of life, won for him the love and respect of his associates, and commanded for the national association a degree of influence and power which made for the lasting good of the industry it represents. Not alone the members of the association, but every one connected with this great industry, whether as grower or manufacturer of wool, is under a debt of gratitude to President Haile for the tireless and disinterested fidelity with which he discharged his trust.

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As a presiding officer, President Haile was eminently just and correct in his rulings. As a public speaker he was graceful, temperate, earnest, and eloquent. As a public servant he was conscientious, conservative, and faithful to the smallest detail. As a citizen he was strenuous for high ideals, and governed by the highest conception of private duty and the strongest convictions of the right. As a manufacturer he was beloved by all his employees, and illustrated in his dealings with them the humane and brotherly spirit which dominated his life. As a companion and friend he was always genial, generous, and loyal.

The members of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, grateful to the divine providence which spared our former president for so long a life of honor, usefulness, and benevolence, replete with public and private services to every good cause, desire to place on record this testimonial of their love and esteem for their departed friend and associate, and their profound respect for his character as a man and a manufacturer.

The sympathy of the members of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers is extended to the members of President Haile's family, and the secretary is instructed to make this memorial a part of the records of the association, and to transmit a copy to the family.

WILLIAM WHITMAN,
CHARLES H. STOTT,
WILLIAM M. WOOD,
FREDERIC S. CLARK,
RUFUS F. GREELEY.

Springfield Board of Trade

AT the Annual Meeting of the Springfield Board of Trade, held April 9, 1901, the following Resolutions were adopted :—

In the death of William H. Haile, the Springfield Board of Trade mourn the loss of a valued member, a man whose life has been a constant exemplification of the highest, purest type of manhood in the family and domestic circle, and in all his business relations and dealings with his fellow-men.

He has been a member of this Board of Trade since its organization, and although he has never taken part in its official affairs, yet he has willingly and interestedly associated himself in the success of any enterprise that gave us the privilege of calling him in consultation.

We sympathize with the community in the loss of a good citizen ; with his friends and acquaintances in the departure of one whom we sadly miss ; and we tender our sincere condolence to the bereaved family.

Attest :

FREDK. S. SIBLEY,

Secretary.

The City Library Association, Springfield, Mass.

LITERATURE, ART, SCIENCE.

THE LIBRARY, MAY 28, 1901.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the City Library Association, Springfield, Mass., May 1, 1901, the following resolutions were adopted, and the clerk was instructed to transmit a copy of them to Governor Haile's family:—

Resolved, That the Directors of the City Library Association at this first meeting since the death of their associate, the Honorable William H. Haile, desire to express their sorrow at the loss of a co-worker and friend who was highly valued by each one of them, and their gratitude for his noble life and service. He had been a director of the Association for nine years and was ever faithful in the discharge of the duties of the position, aiding materially by his wise counsel and sympathetic interest in the administration of its affairs. He had earlier, from the beginning of his residence in Springfield, been a friend and supporter of the institution, showing a keen appreciation of its great work of popular enlightenment. He shared our joy in its recent development and our ambitions and purposes for its promising future. He had made notable personal sacrifices for its welfare. In all of his relations with it he exhibited the high principle and conscientious public spirit which distinguished his life and made it a fit exemplar for the youth of this community.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the permanent records of the Association and that a copy of them be transmitted to the family of Governor Haile.

Yours respectfully,

J. C. DANA, Clerk.

Tributes from Associates in Public Life

From HON. JOHN D. LONG, SECRETARY OF NAVY

I AM very much pained to learn of the death of Ex-Lieutenant-Governor William H. Haile. He was such an embodiment of vigorous life that I cannot realize he is gone. He was for years a prominent figure in politics in Massachusetts, always representing the highest and most progressive lines. He often held high public office, and was a model of official integrity and efficiency. No one ever questioned the purity of his action. He would undoubtedly have been more in the public service if his business interests had not been so large and engrossing. He has left a noble record and an inspiring example. He was a type of the men who, prominent in business life, yet find time always to put their good influence in government, and often to exercise its functions. I feel deeply the personal loss. Who can forget his cheery manner, his genial smile, his kind good fellowship? His entrance into a room was like the flooding in of sunshine and good cheer, so, also, will be his entrance into heaven.

JOHN D. LONG.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 14, 1901.

From HON. GEORGE F. HOAR, UNITED STATES SENATOR

I unite with the whole Commonwealth in sorrow for the loss of Springfield's honored and beloved citizen.

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He was my staunch personal friend, he was on the righteous side of every public question, his kindly nature and genial manner give life an added charm for those who knew him.

GEORGE F. HOAR.

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 14, 1901.

From Hon. HENRY CABOT LODGE, UNITED STATES SENATOR

I am greatly grieved to hear the news of Lieutenant-Governor Haile's death. He was not only beloved by his friends, to whom his kind heart greatly endeared him, but he was also beloved and respected by all the people of the state. He was a high-minded, honorable man, a patriotic, zealous public servant in the many important offices which he held. His death is a loss to the state which has honored him and which he has honored both in business and public life.

From CONGRESSMAN GILLETT

I heard of Governor Haile's death with great sorrow. The departure of such a man is a serious loss to any city. His unquestioned integrity and cautious conservative judgment gave his opinion great weight on any subject, while his genial, generous nature and extensive acquaintance and universal friendliness added a personal influence which in any emergency could be most useful. He was a distinguished citizen to whom every one could appeal with confidence, and it is a bereavement for the city as well as for his innumerable personal friends.

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From W. B. PLUNKETT, ADAMS

Mr. Haile had that strong character and high trust in God which has been a source of inspiration to all his associates. I believe he met every obligation to his family, to his state, to his country and his God to the full measure of his strength, and his life has been fixed in the affectionate and reverent memory of the people of New England. I prized his genuine friendship.

From JUDGE M. P. KNOWLTON

The death of Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Haile will bring grief to the hearts of a wide circle of friends in all parts of the Commonwealth. I have known him well for many years, and I have never known him to do or say anything that was unworthy of a Christian gentleman. His life in all its relations was marked by a conscientious devotion to duty. As a public officer of the city and of the state he was highly esteemed by everybody. He had a tender regard for the feelings of others, and he would go all lengths short of the disregard of duty to avoid unnecessarily giving offense.

His kind feelings for others and his uniform courtesy won him hosts of friends. Add to this his gift of graceful public speech, his high character, and his intelligent comprehension of public affairs, and we have some of the causes that made him a trusted servant of the people and a favorite standard bearer of his party when there were many other good men ready for public service from whom to make selections. His sudden death is a great loss to his adopted city, and to the wider community in which his influence has been felt.

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From EX-MAYOR EDMUND P. KENDRICK

Mr. Haile was known to every one in Springfield as a most valuable citizen, whose desires and aims were always in the right direction. He was always strictly upright in all his endeavors and motives, and being a man of excellent judgment in all things, he weighed carefully all problems presented to him. When he made up his mind, his judgment was usually correct. He was always interested in his friends, taking pleasure in their successes, and ready to help any one he could. His ability as a business man was great. Being a man of warm friendship, his death will arouse more sympathy in Springfield than that of any other man.

From JAMES E. DUNLEAVY

My association with Mr. Haile was principally as a fellow-member of the fire commission, and in that position I came to recognize that he was invaluable to the public and to the taxpayers of the city. To every question he gave careful thought and investigation, and his action was always conservative. His prominence gave him great knowledge of business affairs, and this knowledge he was ever ready to apply to the work of the commission. His long and varied experience made his service of remarkable worth. As for his citizenship, all can testify to that, and his friends can all tell of affability, generosity, and capability.

Along the Lines of His Local Activities

GEORGE C. FISK, president of the Wason Manufacturing Company, knew Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Haile when both were boys together in Hinsdale. Mr. Fisk left school when he was twelve years old and went into a store. He said that Mr. Haile was a good scholar, and stood at the head of the common school of the town. He was a good boy and popular among the better element. He avoided getting into the scrapes of the wilder set, and was universally regarded as one of the best young fellows of the community. Later, when he came to have to do with the employees in his father's factory, and the Haile and Frost Manufacturing Company's establishment, he at once grew popular with them, treating the meanest with kindness and consideration. The boy early showed a marked taste for politics. When his father went to the Legislature for the first time, young Haile, of all the family, was the one most interested and proud. Mr. Haile was always interested in his native town, and there, as here, was always a generous contributor to public causes. On the building of the town hall, which was recently burned down, Mr. Haile gave the large bell for its tower. This was melted in the burning of the building, but has been recast for the new one.

Of Governor Haile's service as mayor of Springfield, Albert T. Folsom, who was city clerk from

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1862 to 1887, joined in the common testimony to his unfailing courtesy and even temper. During Governor Haile's term there was nothing of unusual importance which came up for settlement. He was, says Mr. Folsom, the most conscientious of public servants, possessed of the highest resolve to do that which was right. He often took time to decide what was right, but his mind once made up, he was immovable. In addition to all his other qualities, he had the somewhat rare ability of serving as an excellent presiding officer, and he was always fair-minded and always respected. A public mass meeting was held in the City Hall at the time of Garfield's death, and over this he presided. Mr. Haile decided some time before his term was up not to run again, and, in spite of pressure brought to bear, declined renomination.

Of Mr. Haile's life in his business relations, W. G. McIntyre, treasurer of the Hampden Loan and Trust Company, of which Mr. Haile was president, emphasizes first of all Mr. Haile's unvarying cheerfulness and his "apparent inability to speak ill-naturedly of any one." "If he could not speak well of any one, he said nothing. He would come into the office," says Mr. McIntyre, "and though he might be ill himself, he would certainly be bright and cheerful to all around him. If any clerk happened to be ill he would show the greatest concern and sympathy. He was always thoughtful and mindful of the well-being of others, and though few knew of it, he was extremely generous. Mr. Haile's strong characteristic," says Mr. McIntyre, "should be called that of the peacemaker. The worries and vexations inci-

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dental to business never served to ruffle his serenity, and his influence was calming and pacifying. The last time he was in the offices of the trust company, he referred to it as the institution for which he felt the greatest interest, and his whole attitude bore out this feeling. During the past year or two he could not, on account of illness, give it so much attention as he would have wished, but what he did was, like all else that he undertook, well done."

Of Mr. Haile's life as a church member, Rev. F. L. Goodspeed, his pastor, told of his active membership in the First Church for more than twenty years. He was an earnest church worker, strong in his devotion. At one time he served as superintendent of the Sunday school. He was a member of the church cabinet, and a corporate member of the American Board of Foreign Missions, he and Mr. Goodspeed being the only members from Springfield. His interest in the work of foreign missions was very great. He was, says Mr. Goodspeed, a man utterly lacking in guile. In all his duties he was to the last degree faithful and conscientious. His generosity was little known, but it was large. The dominant note in his character was its bright and radiant optimism.

Mr. Charles E. Brown of West, Stone and Company, an intimate personal friend, and fellow-member of the First Congregational Church, said : "Mr. Haile was the best man it has ever been my privilege to call my friend and confidant. We served together on the parish committee for sixteen years, and no man had the good of the church so much at heart, at all times

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and in all ways, as Mr. Haile. His one purpose in life was to make duty a real privilege, and to honor his Master in every thought and act of his daily life. He was always genial, generous, and thoughtful, and I remember that at Thanksgiving season his constant anxiety was lest some family should be left without a turkey, and he often made an extra contribution to the charity fund, of which I was treasurer, to make sure that no one was overlooked. In all financial emergencies or needs of the church, his aid was always prompt, willing, and generous to a fault. In all our years of intimacy I never heard him say an unkind word, or knew him to have an uncharitable thought. Mr. Haile was a rare man in all the lovable and kindly traits of a Christian gentleman, and these qualities make his loss so truly felt by all who knew him in every walk of life."

Of Mr. Haile's life in friendly association with those about him, E. C. Rogers, his friend of many years, has this tribute to pay: "I knew Mr. Haile well, and esteemed him most highly. I have been closely associated with him for years in the church, socially, and in business. He was a Christian gentleman, always kind, thoughtful, and considerate. He was uniformly correct in his judgment, and once having arrived at a conclusion stood steadfastly by the position he had taken. He was a true friend to all those who knew him, and would go out of his way to render service to those in trouble or affliction. It was his delight to do unto others as he would have them do like service unto himself. He was always pleasant, agreeable, and hopeful, and what could not be helped to-day must be endured, and later it might

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prove a blessing. How many, many times during his life here among us has he brought down blessings upon his own head from those he has helped when in distress. He helped every worthy cause that appealed to him, and his generosity was unbounded. No citizen of Springfield took a deeper interest in the welfare of his country, the state, and the City of Homes, than did Mr. Haile. He will be greatly missed and mourned by his friends, and by most of the citizens of his beloved commonwealth. He was a noble, pure, and true man."

James L. Bowen, commander of E. K. Wilcox Grand Army Post, says: "Governor Haile was a very warm friend of the soldiers. He was generous in a financial way, and always ready to use his influence and money in their behalf. He was made an associate member of the post during the commandership of the late William P. Derby, and was one of the first to receive that honor after the post decided to establish the branch. Governor Haile was generous in helping the post during the work of building the memorial hall. While he was in health he was a frequent guest at the regimental reunions. I remember an instance when an attendant at one of these reunions spoke of hard times and lack of work, and at the close of the meeting Governor Haile made inquiries and took steps to assist that man. On one Memorial Day when I was previously commander of the post, Governor Haile sent me fifty dollars with which to pay the dues of needy members who had become delinquent. These were mere incidents in the long list of many good things he did for the veterans. He always did his good deeds quietly, and

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with no thought that they would be mentioned or paraded. He was one of those fine men of the true patriotic American type. We never had to go to him for help. He came to us, not merely with offers, but with substantial aid in hand. It would be impossible for me to enumerate his many deeds of kindness that came under my observation during the more than twenty years of our acquaintance."

From the Public Press

From the SPRINGFIELD UNION

IN the death of William H. Haile the people of Springfield lose a good friend, and the state loses a splendid citizen whom she has delighted to honor in many ways. There is no man in the city whose death would be more universally mourned. Approachable, kind, affable, generous to a fault, were the qualities that won for the lieutenant-governor the love of all with whom he came in contact. And those who loved him respected him for his honesty, integrity, and high Christian character.

No word was ever said against William H. Haile, and William H. Haile never spoke ill of any one. If he could not say something good of others, he said nothing. Of no man could it be more truly said, "None knew him but to love him, none named him but to praise."

In front of the *Union* office, last evening, a man, who might have been a city laborer from his garb, stood with his eyes fixed on the bulletin announcing Mr. Haile's death. Then he passed on with this comment: "So the poor man is dead, is he? Sure, he had a heart bigger than all outdoors."

And the homely phrase of the laborer exactly describes William H. Haile. "A heart bigger than all outdoors."

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Mr. Haile was a useful citizen, and he made the world better for having lived in it. He was a model man in his home and in the community. Diligent, faithful, accommodating, and gracious of manner, he accomplished a purpose in life. He served the city as mayor, and was thrice called upon to serve the state as lieutenant-governor. That he was not governor was no intentional fault of the people. In his public life and in his private life, Mr. Haile was the man the people took him to be. He was never the cause of regret.

From the SPRINGFIELD REPUBLICAN

William B. Plunkett of Adams, who was one of the honorary bearers at yesterday's funeral, did business with Mr. Haile long before the latter became identified with and a director of the Berkshire Cotton Manufacturing Company. The fathers of both men—Governor William Haile of New Hampshire, and Lieutenant-Governor William C. Plunkett of Massachusetts—were friends, and did business together, and warps from Adams were then used in the mill at Hinsdale, and are to-day. But still another generation has come on the stage. The son of William B. Plunkett, William C. Plunkett, is to-day selling some of the product of the original Plunkett mill at Adams to Henry C. Haile, the son of William H. Haile—grandsons of the original governors. William B. Plunkett, by the way, has lost some distinguished directors of his cotton mill during the recent past — David A. Wells of Norwich, Conn.; Theodore Havermeyer of New York; Edward N. Gibbs, treasurer of the New York Life Insurance Company and

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president of the Berkshire Manufacturing Company ; and now Mr. Haile.

President McCall, of the New York Life Insurance Company, has been elected in place of Mr. Gibbs, but the other vacancies are to be filled. The Berkshire Cotton Manufacturing Company will be fortunate if it can maintain the remarkable standard of its past.

Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Haile were warm personal friends, and the many kind expressions of affectionate regard from Mr. Gibbs, during these later years, were very precious to Mr. Haile.

Their last meeting on earth was at the annual meeting of the Berkshire Company at Adams, Mass., October 11, 1900. They were both feeble, Mr. Gibbs especially so ; and as they parted Mr. Gibbs said : "Good-by, Governor ; God bless you ; I may not live to meet you here again."

Mr. Gibbs died October 20, and it was a satisfaction to Mr. Haile that his health permitted him to go to New York with his son, to attend the funeral exercises on the 22d.

It is interesting to recall the last meeting between the late Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Haile and Senator Hoar. It occurred when the senator made his campaign speech here November 2, and Colonel Goetting drove Mr. Hoar to Mr. Haile's house. The meeting was extremely cordial. Mr. Haile had been obliged to shun rallies, and he and the senator had much in common, because their views regarding the Philippine question coincided so exactly. The conversation naturally drifted to the plank in the platform of the Republican state convention of 1899, quoted in the *Republican* yesterday, which expressed

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the "profound trust" that Congress and the administration "will establish and maintain in those islands, hitherto the home of *tyranny*, a government as free, as liberal, and as progressive as our own, in accordance with the sacred principles of liberty and self-government upon which the American republic so securely rests." Senator Hoar declared that this exposition of the views of Massachusetts Republicans, as set forth by Mr. Haile, "would stand."

From the BOSTON HERALD

However it may have been in his home city, the death of former Lieutenant-Governor Haile, yesterday, came as a surprise to citizens of Boston and of the state generally. The announcement was received with sorrow, for he was well-known and highly respected, a citizen whose departure from life is a public loss. He had retired from politics several years ago, after an unsuccessful candidature for the governorship; but his business interests were so numerous and extensive, and his public spirit so constant and generous in its manifestation, that he seemed hardly less a public man than when he had an office at the statehouse. He came of excellent ancestry, received a liberal and professional education, and, doubtless, would have won high rank as a lawyer had he not early been drawn away to assist in the manufacturing enterprise of his father, the late Governor Haile of New Hampshire. This decided the nature of his life work. Intelligent, upright, sagacious, enterprising, he won confidence, and had responsibilities thrust upon him in increasing measure throughout his long career. He was respected,

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honored, loved, and trusted, and he deserved it all. Always a stanch Republican in his political principles, he was neither narrow nor bitter. Had he become governor, we do not doubt he would have been an efficient, wise, and conservative administrator of the state's interests. He belonged to the class of honorable business men who exalt the fame of the state by the nobility of their characters and the beauty of their lives.

From the BOSTON JOURNAL

Massachusetts has a pleasant memory of the Hon. William H. Haile. His service at the statehouse came at a trying period in the life of the Republican party, a period of stress and conflict for which Mr. Haile was not constitutionally fitted. But he bore himself faithfully and well, and accepted gracefully, in 1892, his defeat for the governorship by the more aggressive and immensely popular young democratic executive, William E. Russell, then in the height of his fame. Mr. Haile has had small share in politics of late years, but to the last he was an important man of business, kindly, liberal, and public spirited. He was held in especial esteem by the people of his own city of Springfield, and the operatives of his woolen mills in Hinsdale, N.H., the backbone of the picturesque little town in the Ashuelot valley, regarded him as an ideal employer. So he was. Massachusetts has many such captains of industry, but it can ill spare even one.

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From the BOSTON GLOBE

The death of Ex-Lieutenant Governor Haile of Springfield, hastened as it was by anxiety over the illness of his son, will be generally mourned by the citizens of Massachusetts without regard to party.

Mr. Haile made a notable record in the lieutenant-governorship, to which he was chosen three successive terms. He enjoyed much popularity in his party, and was known as one of William McKinley's most trusted friends.

As man and as citizen, Mr. Haile enjoyed and deserved much respect and popular good will.

From the BOSTON POST

In every relation of life William Henry Haile, who died yesterday at his residence in Springfield, won the title of a distinguished citizen of the Commonwealth. In intellectual attainments, in business ability, in personal integrity, in public spirit, and in faithful service in the stations to which the people called him he was respected as a fine example of the New England race.

Although Mr. Haile is most widely known through his occupancy for three years of the high office of lieutenant-governor of Massachusetts, this was but an incident of a public service extending over many years. While yet a citizen of New Hampshire, of which state his father was at one time governor, he was for several years a member of the Legislature; and after taking up his residence permanently in Massachusetts he was chosen mayor of the city of Springfield, and for two years represented in the Senate the district in

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which that city is located. His record in the second executive office of the Commonwealth was highly creditable. It is, however, as a successful man of affairs, conducting a large manufacturing industry and holding many positions of trust, and as a good citizen in every sense of that phrase, that he will be best remembered.

From the BOSTON TRAVELER

He possessed to a marked extent the good will of his party associates and the esteem of the people of the Commonwealth. Mr. Haile was a man of broad, liberal ideas, and in his death Massachusetts mourns the passing away of an honest, loyal son.

From the ROCKLAND FREE PRESS

Last week a man died in Springfield. Numberless men ceased, last week, to breathe. This Springfield man conducted with success a large business; for some years he was lieutenant-governor of Massachusetts. Others have carried on a business as large, and larger; and also served the state as lieutenant-governor.

This Springfield man was kind, loving, generous. When he knew to a certainty that the end of his work here would soon come, he wished he could live longer. Not to make more money; not to satisfy an ambition for distinction in the state; not to have for longer time the pleasure of life; not to live, because he'd rather live than die, or because of any fear or misgiving about dying. He wanted to live longer so

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that he could do "more good." Blessed be his name forever.

It is uplifting to think of such a man: to step aside from the greedy rush of men and nations, and ponder on his wish, his only wish, to live. Others, without pause, will keep going the business that was his, it will be forgotten that he was lieutenant-governor. A single line will suffice to record the career of a president or king; the fall of nations perishing under the weight of their own armaments will be told on half a page of history. The works and words of love of this Springfield man will endure, the story of his noble life, his ready hand and generous heart will gladden and inspire men.

From the SPRINGFIELD NEWS

With the death of Mr. Haile there passes from the life of this city a man who had been actively identified with its interests for many years, and one who had been in the public eye almost continuously since his advent here. In his death the city loses one of its foremost citizens, and a man whose loss will be felt in many quarters, especially in business, social, and political circles, in all three of which he had always been prominent. His death comes as a shock to his friends.

From the SPRINGFIELD HOMESTEAD

The community can ill afford to lose such men as William H. Haile. Conscientious in his public as well as his private life, he stood for all that goes to make up the higher citizenship and the higher life.

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From the CONGREGATIONALIST

Among many noble men we have known in the Congregational ranks, we recall none more wise-minded, guileless, and unselfish than William H. Haile. In these days when successful business men are so often accused of materialism and greed, we point with grateful satisfaction to this man who made money honorably, used it as a Christian steward should, gave his best energies freely in the service of his fellow-men, was loved and trusted by his employees, and was held in honor by all good men who knew him. Such a life wins young men by its example, and its influence abides long in the world.

From the ARLINGTON (MASS.) ADVOCATE

Ex-Governor William H. Haile, who has been ill for nearly a year, died on Wednesday. "Just such a man as those noble Cheeryble brothers that Dickens has immortalized, with the qualities that command worldly success, with an intense desire to make his prosperity a blessing to others; religious without cant, generous beyond measure, liberal without pretense, yet with the rare gift of knowing when to say yes and when to say no; with great tact, with kindly words and cheerful smiles and helping hands, carrying sunshine into sad lives and desolate homes; and filling all his surroundings, even the monotonous toil of factory life, with lightness and joy and love — such a man was William Henry Haile." This is a tribute of one who knew him well.

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From THE MILL TOWN IN THE ASHUELLOT VALLEY — His
INTEREST IN THE OLD HOME

Correspondent of the *Springfield Republican*

HINSDALE, N.H., Saturday, February 16.

“Mourning most of all because they should see his face no more.” These words found an echo in many hearts in this quiet country village of the lower Ashuelot valley when the news came Wednesday evening that William Henry Haile was gone forever, and there are no more sincere mourners anywhere than in this New Hampshire town, where his boyhood and youth were passed, and where in later life he spent some of his best years. Born in Chesterfield, which has produced its full quota of distinguished men, his parents removed to Hinsdale when he was scarcely three years old. Mr. Haile was accustomed to repeat later in life a saying of his mother, that when they left Chesterfield “it seemed like abandoning paradise and going into the wilderness,” for the Hinsdale of that day was little more than a scattered hamlet, while Chesterfield was the most flourishing town in Cheshire county, with a larger population than Keene, with an academy, four stores, two hotels, and a coterie of eminent men to give character to the place. The common schools, even of that day, in Cheshire county were, however, considered the best in the state, and in Hinsdale was laid the foundation of an education which Meriden, Amherst, and Dartmouth rounded and completed. Some of his early schoolmates speak of the youthful Haile in the highest terms, as full of life and buoyancy, a favorite with teachers and play-

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mates alike, an attentive scholar, and distinguished for his uniform kindness of disposition, which was characteristic of his whole life. As he grew older he made himself more or less familiar with the various departments of the woolen business, as carried on in the mill of his father, and acquired a taste for this industry that grew stronger as he advanced in life, and caused him to give up the profession of the law and succeed to the business of the father. From 1861 to 1871 he was a citizen of New Hampshire and a resident of Hinsdale, prominent in town affairs, representing the town repeatedly in the Legislature, serving as moderator in town meetings, acting as a member of the school board and identifying himself with the growth and prosperity of the place. He built a tasteful residence on the slope above Main Street, thus opening a new street in the village, called High Street, and occupied the same with his family until his removal to your city in 1871. There could hardly have been a more thoughtful and considerate man than was Mr. Haile, so far as his employees were concerned. He knew them all by name, always greeted them with a bow and a smile and without familiarity, gained their unbounded esteem and respect. So long as he lived, his visits to the home of his youth, though more and more infrequent, were looked forward to with pleasure by all his friends. While a resident of the town, and even afterward, he interested himself in the welfare of the church, the Grand Army, and the old friends of his youth, and made it apparent that this interest was genuine, and the overflow of a noble nature. It is impossible to estimate how long and dark a shadow his death casts upon this community.



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